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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TRADEMARK
In re Application of:

Keiichi SASAKI et al.

Serial No.: 10/646,703

Filed: August 25, 2003

For: PASTE INCLUDING A MIXTURE
OF POWDERS, CONNECTION
PLUG, BURYING METHOD, AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD (As
Amended)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated December 10, 2004, the period for response to which extends through January 10, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C.

§ 121 between the following groups:

Species I, claims 5, 7, 25, and 26, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method using a paste at not less than 60 vol.%;

Species II, claims 6, 27, and 28, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method burying a paste where the viscosity ratio is not more than 2; and

Species III, claims 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, and 30, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of coating a region with a solution in which the powder disperses and precipitating the powder in the solution.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species III, including claims 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, and 30, without traverse.

Also, in the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 25, 2003, Applicants inadvertently labeled new claims 25-30 as "previously presented." Applicants note that the Examiner considered these claims without objection.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 7, 2005

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* With limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b).